

Masters Project Topic Ideas 08/31/12

1. My project will be a reconfiguration of Grant Park.

My project will be about creating a space with a diverse typography and program that will attract more human and automotive interchange allowing the space to be utilized to its full potential.

My project will be developed because Grant Park has always been a pronounced feature of the City of Chicago. However, the space is not utilized to its full potential. It is somewhat isolated and uninspiring, whereas, nearby Millennium Park has become a tourist magnet, as well as, an emblem of Chicago. Through this project I would like to revive the circulation and grounds of Grant Park in an effort to attract more traffic and take advantage of one of the city's most desired spaces on the waterfront.

2. My project will be a resort.

My project will be about taking advantage of the natural hot springs located on the island of Icaria in Greece and developing a wellness resort, making it a destination spot and stimulating the island's economy.

My project will be developed because the economic crisis in Greece is getting worse rather than better. Tourism is the primary source of the country's gross domestic product and employment. Natural geological features, a rich history, Greece's climate, and lifestyle make it an ideal place for a wellness resort. There is currently an abandoned hotel on the island which encompasses the site of the thermal springs. The idea is to salvage what is possible from the existing structure and re-develop the area to benefit the island as a whole.

3. My project will be a new public transportation system in Chicago.

My project will be about developing a sustainable/organic transportation system that adapts to the land and transportation needs of the third most populated city in the U.S.

My project will be developed because natural resources are dwindling. The city's population, despite a recent decline, continues to increase. Public transportation needs to become integrated into the city's daily vocabulary. Zurich, with a population of 1/7th that of Chicago has an exemplary transportation network. A better network and diversity in means of transportation will alleviate traffic congestion, will reduce public funds devoted to highway maintenance, will promote a healthier lifestyle, and will assist in decreasing the greenhouse gas effect related to automobile use.